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For: **RF ID TAG READER UTILIZING A SCANNING ANTENNA SYSTEM AND METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the present application, Applicant submits herewith FIGs 1 – 19 which were inadvertently omitted from the application as filed.

PETITION TO MAINTAIN FILING DATE

Applicant respectfully petitions that the present application maintain the filing date as originally filed. The patent office is authorized to charge deposit account 502697 any fees associated with such petition. In support of the petition, Applicant makes the following statement.

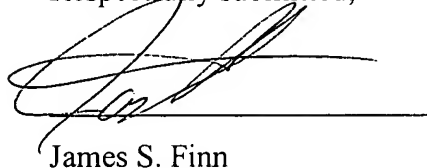
Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter was added by including the present inadvertently omitted figures from the application. As can be seen from the specification, all elements of the figures were referenced in the specification and no new elements were added. The present figures merely more clearly articulate what was already set forth in the specification and are

consistent with the language of the detailed description of the drawings and brief description of the drawings.

If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the following number: 202-607-4607.

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Respectfully submitted,

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